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Tutor Teaching Tips

Repeated Reading • M-5

MATERIALS

Reading
 Passage:
 Part 1 (2 copies)

Timing device;
 Graph

Reading
 Passage:
 Part 2 (2 copies)

Game cards

Introducing the Passage 5 minutes

Read part 1 of the passage *Arthur's Bad News Day* to provide a model of fluent reading. Read with expression at a normal reading pace, taking about one minute to read the passage.

Give the child a copy of the passage and have him/her read it with you. If he/she has difficulty, slow the pace or read small chunks (one or two sentences), and then have the child read each chunk with you until you have read the entire passage. Read the entire passage with the child one or two more times.

Building Fluency 5–10 minutes

Have the child read the passage out loud while you time him/her for one minute. As the child reads, place a check mark on your copy of the passage over each word that he/she misreads. If the child pauses for three seconds, tell him/her the word and mark it as an error. Do not correct errors during the reading. After one minute, tell the child to stop. Circle the last word the child read. Help the child plot the number of words read on the graph. The goal is 70 words per minute with at least 90% accuracy.

Discuss errors once the child has completed the reading. Discuss word-attack strategies such as sounding out parts of words, looking for smaller words or recognizable chunks within larger words, and thinking about how the meanings of words relate to other parts of the text.

Do not exceed more than four independent readings of a passage in a single session. If the child seems to have too much difficulty, drop to a lower level during the next tutoring session.

Checking for Understanding 5 minutes

Ask the child to retell the passage. Look for detail in his/her retelling. Give the child time to respond independently. If needed, prompt with the following sample questions:

What is the bad news? (Arthur is getting a new sister.)

Why is this news bad? (Arthur likes things the way they are.)

What happened to Jeff? (His parents only pay attention to the baby sister.)

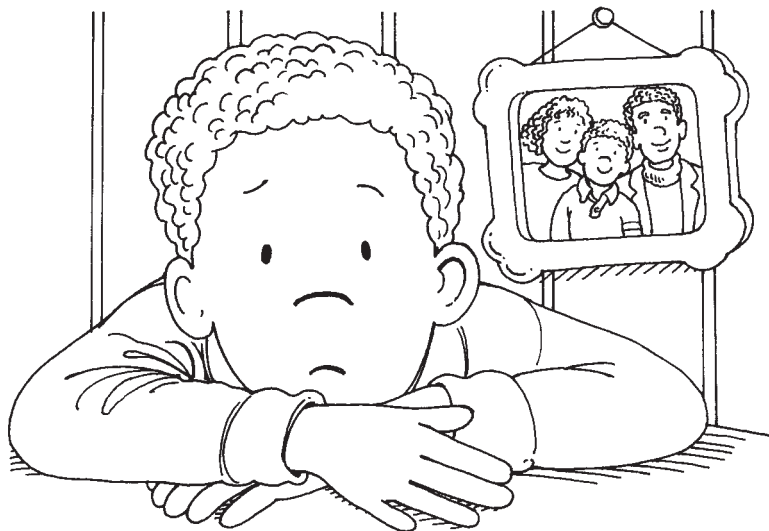
If time permits, repeat the steps above using part 2 of the passage, *Arthur's Bad News Day*.

Optional Activity 5–10 minutes

PLAYING A WORD GAME: Spread out the game cards face-up on the table. Tell the child that the two of you are going to alphabetize the words. Have the child find the word that would be first in alphabetical order and place it on the table to start a row. If the child is correct, he/she scores a point and gets to go again, placing the next game card in the row. If the child is incorrect, it is your turn. The player with the most points wins. Repeat the game as time permits.

Part 1

My name's Arthur, and I just got the worst news ever.	11
Soon, I'm going to have a new baby sister. I told my	23
parents that I didn't want a sister. Things are just perfect	34
the way they are. I love the way my dad makes me his	47
special pancakes every morning. And I love the way my	57
mom and I sing my favorite songs on the way to school.	69
My friend Jeff got a baby sister last year. Now, the only	81
thing his parents ever talk about is the baby. His dad	92
spends all his time playing with the little sister. And his	103
mom is always changing smelly diapers.	109



Part 2

Mom brings my new sister home today. I hear their voices 11
 as they come in. But I'm just going to sit in my room. I 25
 don't even want to see my sister. I can hear her crying. 37
 I bet she's going to do that all the time. 47

Dad knocks on my door and opens it. He's carrying 57
 something wrapped in blankets. Is that my baby sister? 66
 Could she be so tiny? 71

"Meet Amanda," says Dad. Mom follows him in. Before 80
 I know it, Dad puts the blankets in my lap. Little Amanda 92
 reaches out and grabs my finger. 98

"I think she likes you," says Mom. 105

Maybe I like her, too. 110

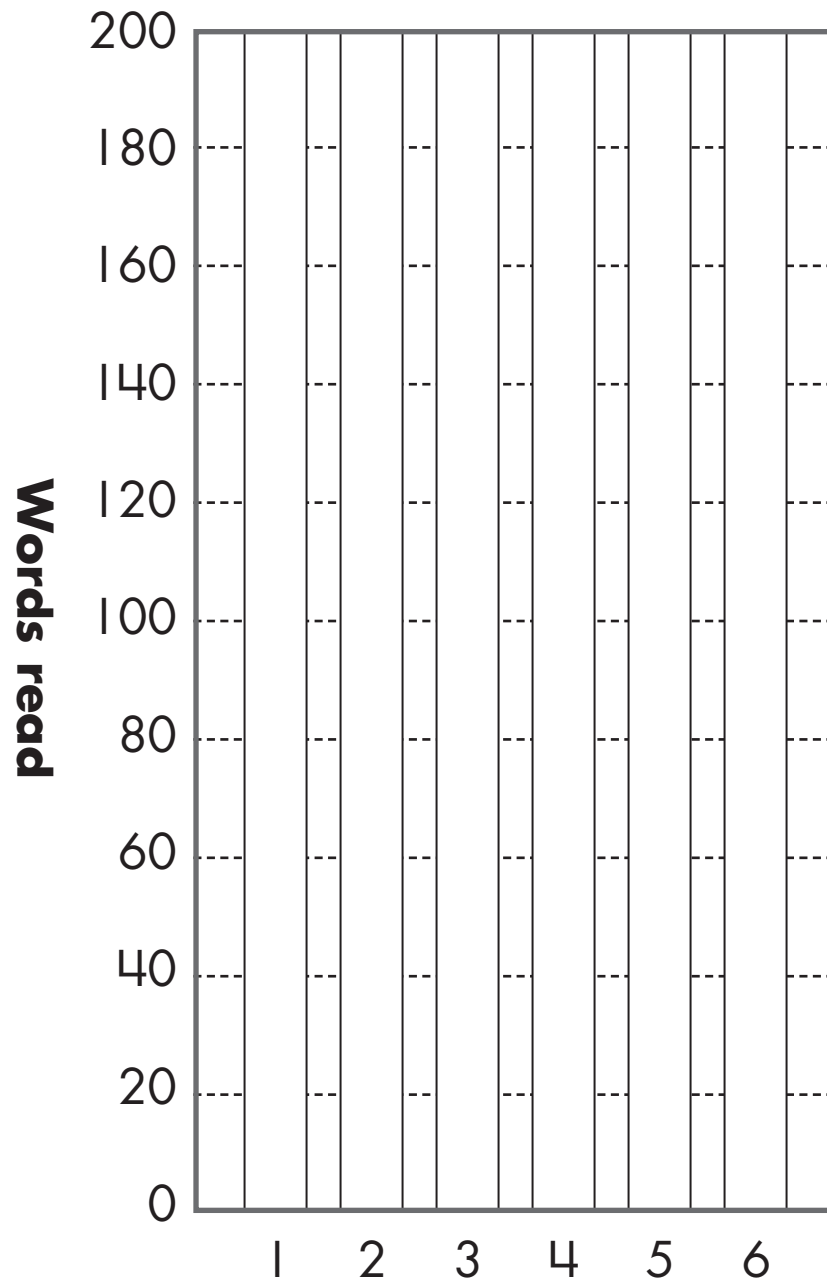


Fluency

Repeated Reading Bar Graph

Lesson M-5

Name _____ Date _____



Number
of errors: _____
1 2 3 4 5 6



name

Arthur

worst

ever

soon

baby

pancakes

favorite

smelly

morning

things

Jeff

news

changing

blankets

grabs